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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/6/2004.
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3. ☒ The drawings filed on 8/12/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
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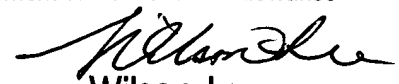
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


Wilson Lee
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 26 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a solid-state laser comprising a laser cavity where pumping light is introduced into a gain crystal via a focusing lens and a dichroic concave mirror, wherein said focusing lens is tilted with respect to the optical axis of the pumping light so that a focusing point of the pumping light in a sagittal plane and a focusing point of the pumping light in a tangential plane in the gain crystal at least approximately coincide with focusing points in the respective planes in the gain crystal in a cavity mode; wherein a focusing point of the pumping light is determined using a q-parameter defined by $1/q_i = 1/R_i - j (\lambda/\pi w_i^2)$, where w_i is a beam radius at the position i , and R_i is the radius of curvature of a wave front at a position i ; a focal length of the focusing lens having a plano-convex shape is given by $f_{1s} = n_1 R_{\text{focus}} / n_{2_ \text{focus}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$ for a sagittal plane, where n_1 is a refractive index of air or vacuum, $n_{2_ \text{focus}}$ is a refractive index of the focusing lens, R_{focus} is the radius of curvature of the focusing lens, Θ is the tilting angle of the focusing lens, and $\Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$ is the tilting angle of the focusing lens, and $\Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} = \arcsin [n_1 / n_{2_ \text{focus}} (\sin \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}})]$; a focal length of the focusing lens for a tangential plane is given by $f_{1t} = n_1 R_{\text{focus}} \cos^2 \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}} / n_{2_ \text{focus}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$; focal length f_{2s} and f_{2t} of the dichroic concave mirror for a

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transmitting light are given by $f_{2s} = n_1 R_{\text{dichroic}} / n_{2_dichroic} \cos \Theta_{2_dichroic} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_dichroic}$;

$f_{2t} = n_1 R_{\text{dichroic}} \cos^2 \Theta_{1_dichroic} / n_{2_dichroic} \cos \Theta_{2_dichroic} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_dichroic}$; an ABCD matrix

from an exit plane of the pumping light source to an arbitrary plane inside the gain

crystal is given

$$\text{by } M_{17s} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{56} + \frac{L_{67}}{n_{YAG}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{2s}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_{2s} + L_{34} + t_{1s} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{1s}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for the sagittal plane, where $t_{1s} = \frac{n_1}{n_{2_focus}} L_{23}$, $t_{2s} = \frac{n_1}{n_{2_dichroic}} L_{45}$, L_{23} is

the distance of the optical path inside the focusing lens L_{45} is the distance of the optical path inside the dichroic mirror, L_{12} is the distance from the exit plane of the pumping light source to the focusing lens, L_3 is the distance between the focusing lens and the dichroic concave mirror, L_{56} is the distance between the dichroic mirror and the gain crystal, and L_{67} is the distance between the end of the gain crystal and the arbitrary plane; the ABCD matrix M_{17t} from the exit plane of the pumping light source to the arbitrary plane inside the gain crystal is given by

$$M_{17t} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{36} + \frac{L_{67}}{n_{YAG}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{2t}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_{2t} + L_{34} + t_{1t} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{1t}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for}$$

the tangential plane, where $t_{2t} = \frac{n_1 \cos^2 \theta_{1_dichroic}}{n_{2_dichroic} \cos^2 \theta_{2_dichroic}} L_{45}$,

$t_{1t} = \frac{n_1 \cos^2 \theta_{1_focus}}{n_{2_focus} \cos^2 \theta_{2_focus}} L_{23}$, and, if the gain crystal is cut at the

Brewster angle, then n_{YAG} in M_{17t} is changed to n_{YAG}^3 ; and

the q-parameter at the arbitrary plane is given by

$q_7 = \frac{Aq_1 + B}{Cq_1 + D}$ and the arbitrary plane is a focusing point when

Real $(1/q_7) = 0$ is satisfied.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 27 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a solid-state laser comprising: (a) a laser cavity having a gain crystal and two end mirrors; (b) a pumping light source for supplying pumping light to be led to the gain crystal; (c) a dichroic concave mirror for introducing the pumping light to the gain crystal and constructing the laser cavity or deriving outgoing light; and (d) a lens for focusing the pumping light on the inside of the gain crystal in the laser cavity, wherein the focusing lens is tilted with respect to the optical axis of the pumping light so that the focusing point of the pumping light in a sagittal plane and that in a tangential plane in the gain crystal at least approximately

coincide with the focusing points in the respective planes in the gain crystal in the cavity mode; wherein a focusing point of the pumping light is determined using a q-parameter defined by where $1/q_i = 1/R_i - j(\lambda/\pi w_i^2)$, where w_i is a beam radius at the position i , and R_i is the radius of curvature of a wave front at a position i ; a focal length of the focusing lens having a plano-convex shape is given by $f_{1s} = n_1 R_{\text{focus}} / n_{2_ \text{focus}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$ for a sagittal plane, where n_1 is a refractive index of air or vacuum, $n_{2_ \text{focus}}$ is a refractive index of the focusing lens, R_{focus} is the radius of curvature of the focusing lens, $\Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$ is the tilting angle of the focusing lens, and $\Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} = \arcsin [n_1 / n_{2_ \text{focus}} (\sin \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}})]$; a focal length of the focusing lens for a tangential plane is given by $f_{1t} = n_1 R_{\text{focus}} \cos^2 \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}} / n_{2_ \text{focus}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{focus}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{focus}}$; focal length f_{2s} and f_{2t} of the dichroic concave mirror for a transmitting light are given by $f_{2s} = n_1 R_{\text{dichroic}} / n_{2_ \text{dichroic}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{dichroic}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{dichroic}}$; $f_{2t} = n_1 R_{\text{dichroic}} \cos^2 \Theta_{1_ \text{dichroic}} / n_{2_ \text{dichroic}} \cos \Theta_{2_ \text{dichroic}} - n_1 \cos \Theta_{1_ \text{dichroic}}$; an ABCD matrix from an exit plane of the pumping light source to an arbitrary plane inside the gain crystal is given by

$$\text{by } M_{17s} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{36} + \frac{L_{67}}{n_{\text{LAG}}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{1s}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_{2s} + L_{34} + t_{1s} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{1s}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t_{1r} = \frac{n_1}{n_{2_focus}} L_{23}, \quad t_{2s} = \frac{n_1}{n_{2_dichroic}} L_{45}, \quad L_{23}$$

for the sagittal plane, where

is the

distance of the optical path inside the focusing lens L_{45} is the distance of the optical path inside the dichroic mirror, L_{12} is the distance from the exit plane of the pumping light source to the focusing lens, L_3 is the distance between the focusing lens and the dichroic concave mirror, L_{56} is the distance between the dichroic mirror and the gain crystal, and L_{67} is the distance between the end of the gain crystal and the arbitrary plane;

the ABCD matrix M_{17t} from the exit plane of the pumping light source to the arbitrary plane inside the gain crystal is given by

$$M_{17t} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{56} + \frac{L_{67}}{n_{YAG}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{2t}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_{2s} + L_{34} + t_{1r} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f_{1r}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for the tangential plane,

$$\text{where } t_{2t} = \frac{n_1 \cos^2 \theta_{1_dichroic}}{n_{2_dichroic} \cos^2 \theta_{2_dichroic}} L_{45}, \quad t_{1t} = \frac{n_1 \cos^2 \theta_{1_focus}}{n_{2_focus} \cos^2 \theta_{2_focus}} L_{23}, \quad \text{and in}$$

addition, if the gain crystal is cut at the Brewster angle,

then n_{YAG} in M_{17s} is changed to n_{YAG}^3 ; and

$$q_7 = \frac{Aq_1 + B}{Cq_1 + D}$$

the q-parameter at the arbitrary plane is given by

and the

arbitrary plane is a focusing point when $\text{Real}(1/q_7) = 0$ is satisfied.

Claims 28 - 41 has been found allowable due to their dependency on claims 26 and 27.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delma R. Flores Ruiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F.

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